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Remarks/Arguments:

Claims 14 and 16 through 20 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. Claims 14 has been replaced with claim 27, and the issues which previously existed in claim 14 have been addressed in claim 27. Regarding claims 16-20, those claims have been appropriately amended. Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-6 and 10-12 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Kong et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,218,911). This rejection is rendered moot by the cancellation of those claims.

Claims 7-9, 13 and 14 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kong. This rejection is also rendered moot by the cancellation of those claims.

Claims 16-20 were indicated as being allowable if rewritten in independent form. Those claims have been rewritten accordingly. In addition, claim 14 has been rewritten as new claim 27, and claim 13 has been used as the basis of new claims 28-32. No new matter has been added. Allowance of the newly added claims is respectfully requested.

In view of the amendments set forth above, the above-identified application is in condition for allowance, which action is respectfully requested.

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